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SUBJECT: AIFLD NOMINEES FOR TRAINING IN U.S.

REF: (A) BRIDGETOWN 0842;#(B) CURACAO 0279 DATED 5/29/74;

(C) AIDTO CIRCULAR A-288 DATED 5/12/75

1. CONGEN NOTES FROM BRIDGETOWN'S 0842 THAT AIFLD HAS APPROACHED FEDERATION OF WORKERS ON CURACAO (AVVC) AND THAT UNION HAS NOMINATED HUBERT HANSON TO ATTEND AIFLD FRONT ROYAL COURSE ON LABOR AND ECONOMIC FORCES IN THE CARIBBEAN BEGINNING JUNE 30, 1975.

2. IN CONGEN'S 0279, IT WAS CLEARLY SET FORTH THAT AIFLD SHOULD USE NO U.S. FUNDS IN THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES FOR ANY PURPOSE WITHOUT PRIOR KNOWLEDGE AND CONSENT OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL. IN APPENDIX E OF AIDTO CIRCULAR A-288 AIFLD CONTRACT, IT IS NOTED THAT THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN CURACAO QTE REQUIRES THAT ANY AIFLD LABOR ACTIVITIES IN THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES SHALL RECEIVE PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE CONSULATE UNQTE.

3. IT IS VERY CLEAR TO THIS CONSULATE GENERAL THAT AIFLD IS NOT PROCEEDING UNDER ITS OWN AGREED WORKING REGULATIONS. THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THIS HAS HAPPENED AS AIFLD SHOULD WELL KNOW FROM NUMEROUS PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS. THIS IS A TIME OF HEAVY ECONOMIC

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PRESSURE FROM ALL SIDES DURING WHICH THIS CONSULATE

GENERAL AND ALL OTHER FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS ARE CONSTANTLY CAUTIONED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO PRESERVE U.S. FUNDS IN ALL PROGRAMS. THIS CONSULATE GENERAL IS NOT OF THE OPINION THAT THE EXPENDITURE OF U.S. FUNDS BY AIFLD OR ANY OTHER USG AGENCY TO SEND LABOR UNION REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES TO A SEMINAR IN FRONT ROYAL WILL SERVE ANY USEFUL PURPOSE.

4. AS THE CONSULATE GENERAL HAS POINTED OUT TO THE DEPARTMENT ON SEVERAL PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, THE GOVERNMENT OF HOLLAND'S OFFICIAL LABOR PROGRAM CARRIES ON A CONSTANT AND COMPLETELY SATISFACTORY LABOR OPERATION WITH THE LABOR UNIONS IN THE NA. IT IS MY OPINION THAT IT IS A WASTE OF TIME AND TAXPAYER'S MONEY TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM A UNION IN CURACAO TO THE UNITED STATES FOR LABOR UNION TRAINING. THE CONSULATE GENERAL DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER AIFLD HAS ALREADY FINALIZED THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS TRAINING PROGRAM WITHOUT ITS PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE.

5. THE CONSULATE GENERAL WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT GUIDELINES OR CRITERIA WERE USED FOR ELECTING THIS CANDIDATE. AS THE SITUATION NOW STANDS, THE CONSULATE GENERAL HAS EXERCISED NO CONTROL OVER THE SELECTION.

6. IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, THE CONSULATE GENERAL IS NOT DISPOSED TO ISSUE THE VISA UNTIL AIFLD CLARIFIES ITS POSITION. IF IT IS PROPOSED TO USE U.S. GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO SEND THIS CURACAO LABOR UNION REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED STATES, THIS CONSULATE GENERAL IS OPPOSED TO IT.

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